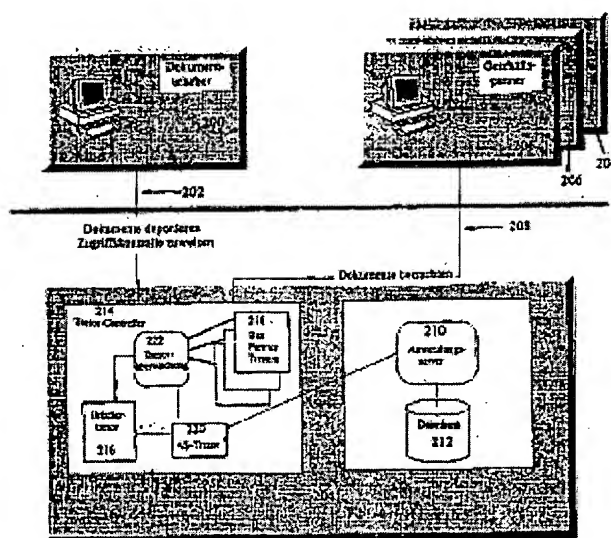


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System for controlling electronic data access where a data archive is controlled by a third party and a first party deposits data files in an archive that can then be searched by an authorized second party.- DETAILED DESCRIPTION - Secure system comprises: a first agent program that allows a computer to deposit a data file in a data archive, a second agent program that allows a user computer access rights to the electronic data file in the archive. An authorization list for the data file is produced and managed by the provision (first) agent program. An access right list can be accessed using the second (user) agent program. Means are provided to allow the provider computer to send access rights to the user computer or to alter its access rights. Means are also provided to allow the provider computer to check the access rights of the user computer before it has free access to the data file using the second agent program



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